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TOYOTA UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Toyota CEO Akio Toyoda apologized personally and repeatedly Wednesday to the United States and millions of American Toyota owners for safety lapses that have led to deaths and widespread recalls. Unimpressed lawmakers blistered the world's largest automaker with accusations of greed and insensitivity. Here are the highlights from the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee hearing.



“I’m deeply sorry for any accident that Toyota drivers have experienced.”

AKIO TOYODA
Toyota CEO



“Where is the remorse?”

REP. MARCY KAPTUR (D-Ohio)



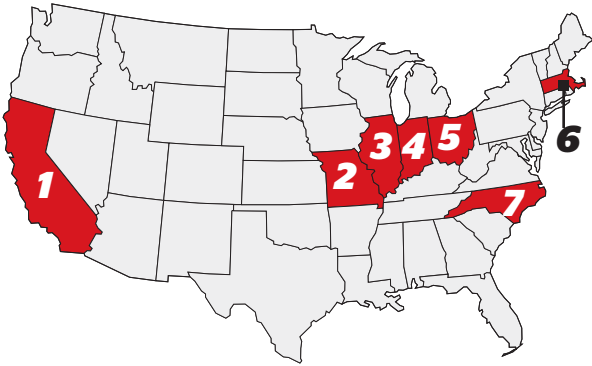
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REP. PAUL KANJORSKI (D-Pa.)



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REP. JACKIE SPEIER (D-Calif.)



TOYOTA TIES IN CONGRESS

Several lawmakers on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee have Toyota factories and offices in their states or districts. **AP**

1 **California** connection: Toyota's North American operation is based in Torrance, Calif., and it has several facilities in the state. Californians on the committee include Democratic Reps. Diane Watson, Jackie Speier and Judy Chu, as well as the panel's top Republican, Rep. Darrell Issa, and GOP Rep. Brian Bilbray.

2 Rep. William Lacy Clay (D-Mo.): Toyota's Bodine Aluminum has a factory in St. Louis. Fellow **Missouri** Rep. Blaine Leutkemeyer, a Republican, also serves on the committee.



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Davis



Schock

3 Rep. Bill Foster (D-Ill.): Toyota has a regional office in Foster's district. **Illinois** Democratic Reps. Mike Quigley and Danny Davis and Republican Rep. Aaron Schock also are on the committee. Schock received a \$250 campaign contribution from Toyota lobbyist Mark Johnson in July.

4 Rep. Mark Souder (R-Ind.): Has a General Motors factory and several automotive parts suppliers, including some that serve Toyota, in his district in **Indiana**.

5 **Ohio** Democratic Reps. Steve Driehaus, Dennis Kucinich and Marcy Kaptur and Republicans Michael Turner and Jim Jordan: Toyota has an office in Cincinnati.

6 Rep. Paul Hodes (D-N.H.), received a \$500 contribution to his Senate campaign from the president of a **Massachusetts** Toyota dealership in December.

7 Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-N.C.): A **North Carolina** Toyota dealer gave McHenry's House campaign \$1,000 in April.

Other committee members also have Toyota offices or factories in their states: Reps. Elijah Cummings and Chris Van Hollen, D-Md.; Republican Reps. Dan Burton and Souder of Indiana; Reps. John Tierney and Stephen Lynch, D-Mass.; Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas; Democratic Rep. Jim Cooper and Republican Rep. John Duncan Jr. of Tennessee; Rep. Lynn Westmoreland, R-Ga.; and District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, a Democrat. Souder's House campaign received \$1,000 in September from the president of an Indiana Toyota dealership.

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If the shows of the Bravo network were the only ones beamed into outer space and aliens watched a steady diet of "The Real Housewives" franchise, "The Millionaire Matchmaker" and "Kell on Earth," we could expect these creatures to aim their giant ray gun at us and blow us to hell.

Each of these shows features strong women as the centerpiece around which the action spins. Sounds like a reason to celebrate—and it would be if most of these women weren't so screechy, insulting and superficial. Yes, these are reality shows, which thrive on conflict and catfights. But when a channel features back-to-back-to-back female hyper-drama, I start to get queasy.

Let me start with "The Real Housewives." This franchise, which kicked off in Orange County, has long been about whiny, self-absorbed, back-stabbing, Botoxed, over-privileged princesses. However, in the past year or so, "Housewives" as a whole has become especially nasty and mean-spirited. At a "girls' lunch" on "The Real Housewives of Orange County" last week, four of the wives ganged up on Vicki, the motor-mouthed, overachieving business owner who dared to point out that she and her husband have to work a lot. The next season of the New York housewives is around the corner, and if the teasers are any indication, we are going to get a lot of shrill confrontations. I predict big ratings.

Kelly Cutrone is the "Kell" in "Kell on Earth," a show about a dysfunctional company that handles publicity for fashion shows, which apparently are fraught with more tension and minutiae than the plotting of the D-Day invasion. Who knew? Cutrone's management style consists mostly of barking orders, glowering at her staff, fuming and slamming down phone receivers. Her signature line? "If you have to cry, go outside." Her staff looks beaten down and terrified most of the time. Lots of people do great work under such conditions.

Patty Stanger of "The Millionaire Matchmaker" insists she is providing a valuable service, matching up wealthy men (and the occasional well-to-do woman) with the perfect mate. Two people meet, sparks fly, love blooms. It's a lovely, organic concept, but unfortunately, Stanger insists on controlling every aspect of the meeting and courtship, right down to harping at her male clients to get a manicure and bullying her stable of glorified prostitutes into changing their makeup and dressing in skimpier clothing. She stops just short of opening their mouths and checking their teeth.

The fact that these women rarely appear embarrassed about their bad behavior is the most offensive aspect of all this.

At the end of every episode of "Shear Genius," host Camilla Alves intones, "And remember, hair is important." That would be funny if she—or others on Bravo—were being ironic.

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CHICAGO'S HEROIN PROBLEM

WEST SIDE NEIGHBORHOODS HIT HARDEST AS DRUG ARRESTS, SEIZURES INCREASE

By Tracy Swartz
REDEYE

The few blocks along Central Park Avenue between Roosevelt Road and Douglas Boulevard in North Lawndale have fallen on hard times, spurred in part by foreclosures and drugs.

The area doesn't lure visitors with its African Heritage Garden, off 12th Place, which typically features vegetable beds and wooden trellises covered in flowers during the summer. Most residents and visitors are forced to stand on the corner outside the "public garden" because the area is fenced and locked year-round, save for a few special events during warmer weather.

A more public display recently was just off the block, on 13th Place. Dozens of Hennessy cognac bottles, a Scrabble game and a few stuffed animals were placed at a shuttered residence as a memorial to Roy Williams, 29, known to friends as "Nose," who was shot to death on the block

in November. Williams' death, which has not been connected to drug activity, is indicative of a neighborhood plagued with violence. The memorial has since been removed.

This neighborhood, as with some other areas of the city, also is plagued with foreclosures and drugs, neighbors told RedEye. The one-block area around 1300 S. Central Park Ave. has seen about 100 incidents of heroin possession since June 2007, including 10 in the past three months, according to everyblock.com, which tracks Chicago crime based on data from the Chicago Police Department.



Chicagoan Thomas Battle believes unemployment contributes to the heroin problems on the West Side.

Data shows Chicago's heroin problem is getting worse, especially in West Side neighborhoods such as North Lawndale. Police say arrests for possession of more than 15 grams of heroin were up about 50 percent in 2009 compared to 2008. Meanwhile, officers in the Chicago Police Department's narcotics division seized more than 57,000 grams of heroin in 2009, up from about 26,500 grams in 2004, according to CPD data.

Last week, the Illinois House passed a measure that would increase the penalty for possessing 5 grams of heroin with intent to sell. These heroin dealers would face at least four to six years in prison under the legislation, which awaits Senate approval.

A RedEye analysis of preliminary police data from November, December and January found that heroin is more prevalent on the West Side than the North and South sides. Residents in these hot spots say they have become accustomed to seeing drug markets, and the heroin problem goes hand-in-hand with the high number of crime incidents and foreclosures and the low number of jobs in their area. They say they want change—but feel like it won't come to their block.

History repeating

"They're going to do their thing no matter," said James Yankieway, referring to the drug dealers. Yankieway, 46, lives in the 1300 block of South Central Park Avenue.

Shameta Murphy, 36, said she's been trying to move off the block for months. On a recent morning, Murphy walked with her young



Shameta Murphy stands behind her backyard gate in North Lawndale. The neighborhood's drug problem causes her to fear for her two children. Too many men jump the fence and hang out on the back porch of her apartment, she said. **ABEL URIBE/TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

daughter, Anastasia, through the alley behind the block.

"It didn't use to be like this," she said, pointing to the litter in the alley, which is near Millard Playlot Park. "It just went downhill."

Murphy cites the heroin problem as one of the reasons for the decline of her block in the last few years. Drugs are familiar territory for Murphy, who said her father and mother, who lives off the block, struggled with addiction for years.

When asked where she would move if she could, Murphy replied, "Anywhere but here."

About 2 miles northeast of Murphy's block

is another beleaguered spot for heroin: West Wilcox Street between California and Francisco avenues in East Garfield Park. The area around the block has recorded about 175 incidents for heroin possession since June 2007, including about a dozen incidents in the past three months, according to Everyblock.

In May, a police camera was installed at Wilcox and Francisco at the request of Ald. Robert Fioretti (2nd). The camera at the corner, which is between New Greater Exodus Missionary Baptist Church and St. Joseph Baptist Church, hasn't dissuaded foot traffic, neighbors say.

**“IT DIDN'T
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LIKE THIS.
IT JUST
WENT
DOWNHILL.”**

—SHAMETA MURPHY, NORTH LAWDALE RESIDENT



Several boarded-up homes line the 2800 block of West Wilcox Street, which has a high rate of drug arrests. A surveillance camera recently was installed on the corner, but residents say they haven't seen a reduction in foot traffic.



Candles and liquor bottles fill the front porch of an abandoned building in North Lawndale as a memorial to Roy “Nose” Williams, who was shot to death on the same block in November.

Police response

Chicago Police Sgt. Antoinette Ursitti said the police have been focusing not on the dealers who sell heroin, but on the suppliers furnishing the dealers with drugs. Ursitti said police have been using search warrants, typically obtained through wiretaps and undercover operations, to focus on mid- and high-level drug suppliers and traffickers. Police executed about 1,200 search warrants in 2009, up from 475 warrants in 2008, Ursitti said.

“At the end of 2009, the narcotics section [of the CPD] alone saw nearly a quarter billion dollars of controlled substance, which is an increase of more than \$70 million of what was seen in 2008,” Ursitti said.

The drug trade, along with the foreclosure crisis, has hit East Garfield Park hard. The area, named Chicago’s “most up-and-coming neighborhood” by *BusinessWeek* in 2007, has seen its real estate prices plummet. From November through January, the median sales price for homes was \$59,500, down 39 percent from the same period a year ago, according to real estate search engine Trulia.

The Rev. Walter Arthur McCray, 58, who has lived in the same house at Francisco and Wilcox since he was a boy, said he has seen the change in his neighborhood. McCray, a Chicago preacher for more than three decades, said he’s counseled drug users and sellers, and their children and grandchildren, on his block. He blamed the recent uptick in drugs on the economy and lack of jobs in the area. He said the new police camera, which he can see from his living room, hasn’t dissuaded dealers.

“I try to keep drugs away from my environment. I will say to young men and women, ‘Hey, you can’t post your business here,’” McCray said. “The camera don’t mean nothing. ... Everybody knows this is the spot.”

But it’s unclear how much longer McCray will be fighting to save the sanctity of his block. For now, he’s fighting to save his home. McCray, an author of black spiritual guides, said his house is in the midst of foreclosure mostly because he had to close his side business, a grocery store near the United Center.

If he loses his home, he will be like many others on the block. But like his neighbors, McCray said he will find a way to cope.

“I ain’t afraid,” McCray said. “I believe the Lord going to take care of me.”

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One recent chilly December afternoon, a group of young men hung out at the corner laughing, chatting with friends and nodding to the school bus that rumbled past. The men, who declined to give their full names, told RedEye the camera makes them feel like prisoners in their own neighborhood but it doesn’t stop them from doing what they want to do.

The camera may not have decreased the foot traffic to that corner, but there has been a decline in reported incidents of heroin possession in the area since the camera was set up, Everyblock data shows.

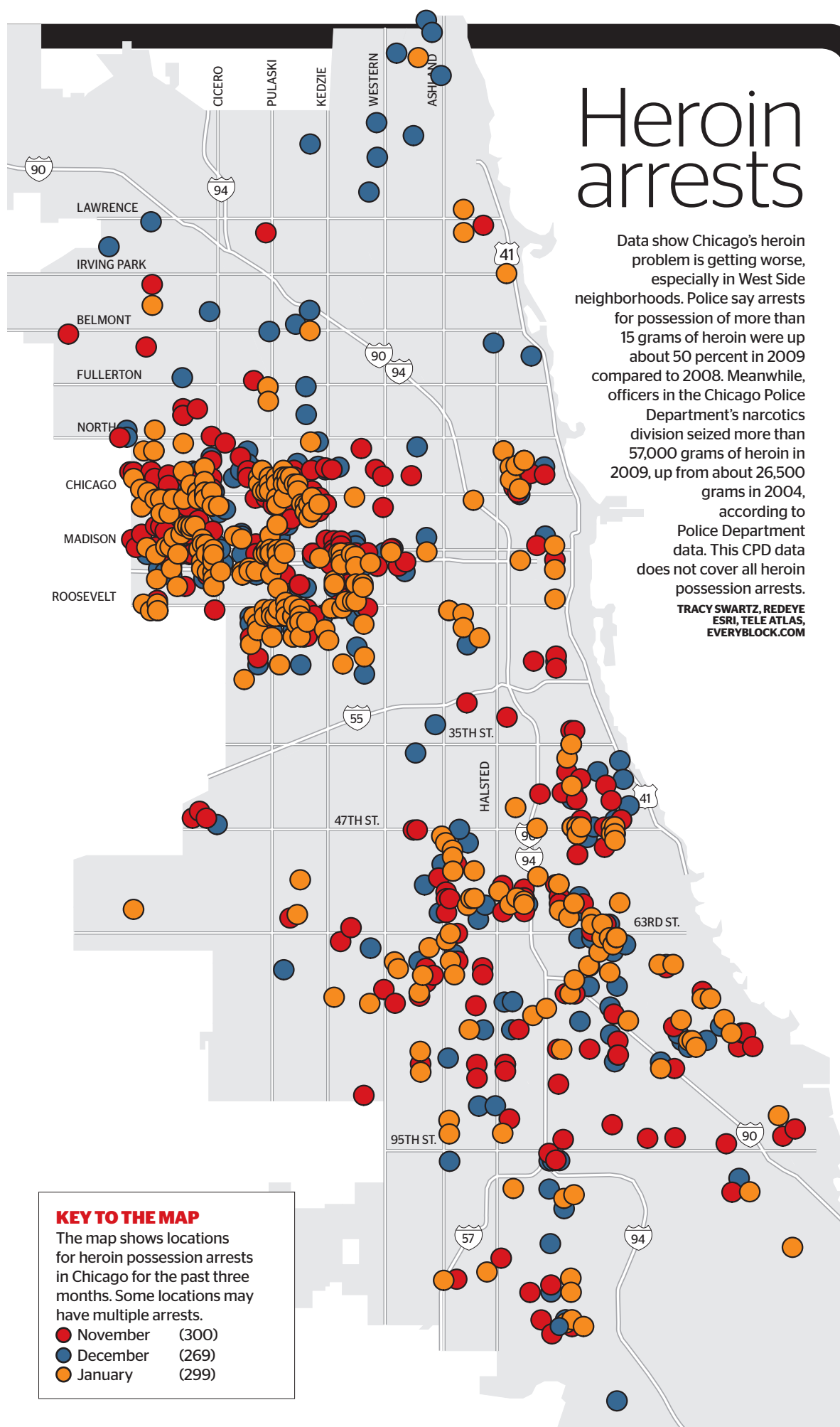
In the six-month period after installation, there have been 33 incidents of white heroin

possession in the immediate area of the 2800 block of West Wilcox Street, down from 57 incidents during the same period in 2008.

Fioretti said cosmetic changes to the area including removal of a large tree that concealed drug deals and addition of lights to a nearby alley have helped reduce drug transactions. But the block needs more police presence if it’s going to have a chance at survival, Fioretti said.

“Cameras, technologies don’t take the place of police officers on foot,” said Fioretti, who was elected in 2007. “With effective community involvement with the Police Department, we will take back the streets block by block.”





Dan Bigg, director of the Chicago Recovery Alliance, waits in his van near Humboldt Park. The Alliance provides new needles for drug users and takes and disposes of used needles.

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Needle program in spotlight

Restrictions of new legislation could make it difficult to operate in Chicago

By Tracy Swartz

REDEYE

Every day, a silver van visits a Chicago neighborhood plagued with drug problems and distributes free, clean needles.

The needle exchange van—run by the health cooperative Chicago Recovery Alliance—visits West Garfield Park, Humboldt Park, Edgewater and Grand Boulevard, among other neighborhoods, in two-hour shifts on different days. The group hopes to stem the spread of sexually transmitted diseases through use of dirty needles.

RedEye recently spent a few hours in the van when it visited Uptown and Woodlawn. During that time, visitors to the van were more interested in picking up the free alcohol swabs than the free needles.

Needle exchange programs could be forced to change their operations under federal legislation approved last year by the U.S. House. The legislation would alter the federal funding models for programs that operate within 1,000 feet of schools, libraries and parks.

The measure passed 264-153 in the House and was placed on the U.S. Senate calendar. If the legislation is approved, needle exchange programs would find it difficult to operate in Chicago, which has more than 500 parks, 79 libraries and hundreds of schools across the city.



Piles of used syringes fill a bin at the offices of the Chicago Recovery Alliance.

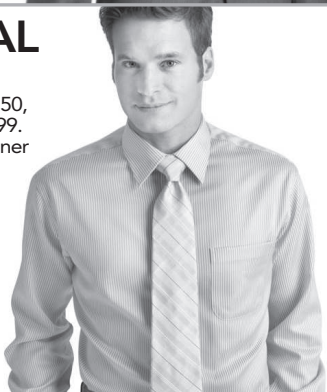
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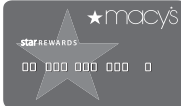


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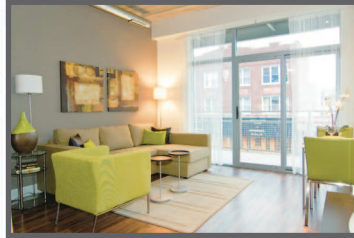
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The union representing CTA bus drivers and train operators filed 10 grievances Wednesday alleging work-rule violations by the transit agency—signaling less hope for riders that a deal can be reached quickly to end service cuts affecting more than two-thirds of bus routes.

The union filings, seeking arbitration on the grievances, will be followed by state and federal lawsuits this week, said Joseph Pass, an attorney for the bus drivers and mechanics union, Local 241 of the Amalgamated Transit Union.

Meanwhile, Darrell Jefferson, president of the bus drivers' union, met with transit agency officials for less than an hour earlier Wednesday, holding fast to his position that his membership is not willing to make concessions to help bring back laid-off workers.

3 charged with hate crime in train attack

Three Evanston men face felony hate crime and aggravated battery charges after they allegedly pushed and punched a man and hurled sexual slurs at him when he tried to stop them from bullying another commuter on a CTA Red Line train last month.

Kevin McAndrew and Benjamin Eder, both 23, and Sean Little, 21, were originally charged with misdemeanor battery for the Jan. 10 attack, but prosecutors dropped those charges and had the men re-arrested on felony charges Tuesday.

Attorneys argued there was no evidence they attacked the victim because of his sexual orientation.

Morning host Eric Ferguson recovering

WTMX-FM 101.9 morning show star Eric Ferguson was recovering Wednesday from his second heart procedure in three weeks and was expecting to return to work soon. "I guess Ch. 5 thinks I'm dying! Weird ... they never called to tell me!" Ferguson wrote on his Facebook page Wednesday night. Earlier, he had posted: "In recovery ... feel great ... ready to get back to work!" Ferguson had been hospitalized for a similar treatment in response to an irregular heart rhythm.

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«LEGAL MATTERS

Labor advocates hope to strike a blow for kitchen workers with their lawsuit against Ole Ole, a pan-Latino restaurant in Andersonville. The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court, alleges that the owners did not pay minimum wage or overtime. They are seeking back pay.

One of the plaintiffs, Victor Vega (left), said in an interview that he typically worked 12-hour days, six or seven days a week.

The restaurant is now shuttered and the owner, Regina Pavone, has filed for bankruptcy. Pavone could not be reached, and a message left for a business partner was not returned.

Restaurant race gap?

Survey finds disparity between front, back workers

Chicago Tribune

Kitchen worker Carlos Garcia envies the waiters who make more money and suffer fewer aches than those like him in the "back of the house." The very term, common in restaurants, speaks to a divide that is conspicuous yet often overlooked by diners.

The division of labor plays out in Loop steakhouses and Wrigleyville sports pubs: Taking the order or seating the clients is the girl next door, most likely white, while a cadre of young Mexican men construct the meal behind the scenes.

In a first-of-its-kind survey released this month, a Chicago labor advocacy group detailed the segregation of restaurants and the unequal pay and working conditions that exist between the front and back of the house. It found that nearly 80 percent of whites work in the front, nearly two-thirds of Hispanics in the back.

Highlighting the issue, the Restaurant Opportunities Center of Chicago teamed with the Working Hands Legal Clinic this month to file its first federal lawsuit, against an Andersonville eatery that allegedly mistreated its kitchen staff.

Meanwhile, the McCormick & Schmick's chain recently paid \$1.1 million to settle a class-action suit by black employees who said they were passed over for jobs.

In a unique industry snapshot, the Restaurant Opportunities Center, a labor advocacy group with chapters nationwide, surveyed nearly 600 Chicago workers. Beyond the racial disparities, it found that salaries in the kitchen are 40 percent less.

Still, experts agree it can be hard to determine when restaurants are discriminating and when they merely are hiring staff that best fits their image and can interact well with the public.

Carol Miaskoff, assistant legal counsel for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, said restaurants are an especially gray area. When restaurant owners talk about "people skills," that taps into social constructs.

"All of us use stereotypes and social psychology in pegging new people that we are meeting. If you allow this use of stereotypes to run amok, if you don't have procedures in place, you can have a situation that is discrimination," she said.

Homicide tracker

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Two children died last week in what officials describe as homicides stemming from child abuse.

On Friday, a 2-year-old boy died after he experienced trauma to his head and abdomen, according to information from the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office. The child was being cared for at a home in Portage Park, police said.

Also Friday, police said they discovered a newborn girl, who had been wrapped in a plastic bag and placed in the closet of her home in the 6100 block of North Sheridan Road. Charges have been brought in both cases.

Citywide, 16 homicides have been recorded so far this month. Chicago police recorded 25 homicides in February last year, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

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Homicides from Feb. 17 to 4 p.m. Wednesday

- 1 8200 BLOCK OF S. DREXEL AVE.**
Date: Feb. 17 Cause: Stabbing
- 2 6000 BLOCK OF W. MELROSE ST.**
Date: Feb. 19 Cause: Trauma
- 3 6100 BLOCK OF N. SHERIDAN RD.**
Date: Feb. 19 Cause: Abuse
- 4 300 BLOCK OF W. 75TH ST.**
Date: Feb. 20 Cause: Gunshot
- 5 4300 BLOCK OF W. POTOMAC AVE.**
Date: Feb. 21 Cause: Gunshot



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Check out RedEye's interactive homicide map at homicides.redeyechicago.com, where you can view a searchable database of every homicide in Chicago since Jan. 1, 2009.

Bad-luck butt dialers

1 Police in Daytona Beach, Fla., say two teenagers are facing charges after 911 dispatchers heard them talking about breaking into cars when one teen's cell phone accidentally called 911 during a heist Friday.

Gays in military debated

2 The Marine Corps commandant said Wednesday that the ability of U.S. troops to fight and win wars must trump other concerns as the nation considers whether to let gays serve openly in the military.

District fires all teachers

3 A Rhode Island school district has voted to fire all the teachers at an underperforming high school at the end of the school year. Central Falls High School is the only school in the town. Only about half its students graduate.

Senate passes jobs bill

4 Senate Democrats delivered the first of several promised election-year jobs bills Wednesday, passing a \$15 billion measure blending highway funding sought by the states with tax breaks for companies that hire unemployed workers. The bill now moves to the House.

Google execs convicted

5 An Italian court convicted three Google executives of privacy violations Wednesday because they did not act quickly enough to remove an online video that showed teen bullies pummeling and mocking an autistic boy.

GM shuts down Hummer

6 General Motors Co. said Wednesday it will shut down Hummer after its bid to sell the brand to a Chinese company collapsed.

TwitYahooBook?

In a battle to woo back users who are spending more time on social networking sites, Internet portal Yahoo has clinched a deal with Twitter to share content across both properties. Yahoo reached a similar agreement with Facebook in December.

SeaWorld whale kills trainer

7 **ORLANDO** A SeaWorld killer whale seized a trainer in its jaws Wednesday and thrashed the woman around underwater, killing her in front of a horrified audience. It marked the third time the animal had been involved in a human death.

Distraught audience members were hustled out of the stadium immediately, and the park was closed.

Dawn Brancheau, a 40-year-old with extensive training experience, drowned following a show as at least two dozen tourists looked on from above a whale tank and from an underwater viewing area.

A former contractor with SeaWorld told the Orlando Sentinel that the whale, Tilikum, is typically kept isolated from SeaWorld's other killer whales and that trainers were not allowed to get in the water with him because of his violent history.

A SeaWorld spokesman said Tilikum was one of three orcas blamed for killing a trainer in 1991 after the woman lost her balance and fell in the pool at Sealand of the Pacific in



Dawn Brancheau, a whale trainer at SeaWorld Adventure Park in Orlando, performs in 2005. Brancheau was killed Wednesday by a whale in front of a horrified audience during a show.

ORLANDO SENTINEL
FILE PHOTO

Victoria, British Columbia. Tilikum also was involved in a 1999 death, when the body of a man who had sneaked past SeaWorld security was found draped over him.

SeaWorld executive Chuck Tompkins confirmed what witnesses saw, that Brancheau was pulled into the water by Tilikum, a 12,000-pound male killer whale.

A retired couple from Michigan told The Associated Press that Wednesday's killing happened as a show was winding down.

Spectator Eldon Skaggs said Brancheau was on a platform with the whale and was massaging it. Then, Skaggs said, the whale "pulled her under and started swimming around with her."



Colo. teacher hailed as hero

8 **LITTLETON, Colo.** The math teacher who has become a national hero after breaking up a potentially deadly school shooting near the site of the Columbine massacre said Wednesday that he was simply doing his job.

Authorities said the 32-year-old gunman opened fire Tuesday in the parking lot with a bolt-action rifle at the end of the school day as terrified teenagers ran for their lives. He allegedly had just wounded two students and seemed ready to unleash more violence when David Benke sprang into action.

Benke confronted the gunman, tackled him and pinned him to the ground with the help of another teacher, stopping what could have been a much more violent encounter.

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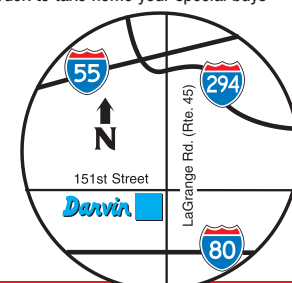
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Vonn breaks her finger

Associated Press

WHISTLER, British Columbia

Lindsey Vonn crashed and failed to finish the first run of the fog-shrouded Olympic giant slalom race Wednesday and broke her right pinkie. It was undecided if she would run her final event at the Vancouver Games later in the week.



Vonn

Vonn lost control around a right turn in the middle section of the course, got twisted around, landed hard on her left hip and crashed backward into the safety netting.

"The course is breaking up at the bottom," Vonn said, holding ice on her finger, adding that her back and shin were hurting as well. "I got a little bit too inside and lost my outside ski. My knee came up and hit my chin. ... I don't know honestly how I hurt my hand.

"I'm just a little bit beat up right now," added Vonn, who also fell in the slalom leg of the super-combined last week. "Things don't seem to be quite going my way."

After being checked course-side for a few minutes, Vonn skied down to the finish. "I was like a pretzel—so tangled up," Vonn said.

Dr. Jim Moeller, chief medical officer for the U.S. Olympic team, said Vonn had a non-displaced fracture of the proximal phalanx of the small finger. He said Vonn, who won the downhill and was third in the super-G despite nursing a badly bruised right shin the entire Olympics, had not decided if she will race in Friday's final women's event, the slalom.

The second run was postponed later Wednesday until Thursday because of fog.



U.S. forward Zach Parise (left) embraces teammate Paul Stastny after Parise scored one of his two third-period goals Wednesday against Switzerland.

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MEDAL DETECTOR

AS OF 11 P.M. WEDNESDAY

Country	G	S	B	Total
U.S.	7	9	12	28
Germany	7	10	7	24
Norway	6	6	6	18
Canada	7	6	2	15
Russian Fed.	3	4	6	13

OLYMPICS TICKER

» U.S. takes the bronze in the two-woman bobsled. » U.S. awarded bronze in women's 3,000 short-track speedskating relay after South Korea disqualified. » Sweden wins cross-country team relay.

U.S. 2, SWITZERLAND 0

SWISS MISS

AMERICANS GET TO GOALIE LATE TO REACH SEMIFINALS

Chicago Tribune

The U.S. is moving on.

Zach Parise scored a power-play goal early in the third period and added an empty-net goal late and goaltender Ryan Miller recorded the shutout as the Americans defeated Switzerland 2-0 in the quarterfinals Wednesday at Canada Hockey Place.

Goalie Jonas Hiller was outstanding to keep the Swiss in it, but the U.S. advanced to Friday's semifinals, where it will play the winner of the Czech Republic-Finland quarterfinal later Wednesday.

"Relief and excitement, especially in a tight game like that when you are doing everything but score," said Parise, who failed to score on his first 13 shots of the tournament. "The goalie was great, and we did a good job of sticking with it. We were pretty confident and said just keep putting pucks at him."

"I thought after the first two or three games I could play better. I knew I would," Parise said. "It's always nice to get rewarded. I just kept wanting to keep shooting."

Despite having only two regular NHL players, the Swiss were gallant in longtime coach Ralph Krueger's last Olympics. Switzerland finished sixth four years ago in the Torino Games and was looking for its best showing in Canada.

"We had high expectations," the teary-eyed Hiller said in a voice that cracked. "We knew we had a solid team and we can upset some of the big ones and that's what we tried to do. I wish we could have upset them a little more. It's always tough to lose, but losing in the quarterfinals in the Olympics and being that close, it definitely hurts. I am quite disappointed right now."

Without Hiller, the U.S.—all 23 players on its roster are in the NHL—likely would have won by a larger margin. "We threw 40 shots on him, and something was going to go in," Parise said.

The U.S. had a 44-19 edge in shots for the game, using its speed throughout to get to pucks in the neutral zone.



American forward Zach Parise (right) slides the puck past Switzerland goalie Jonas Hiller to give the U.S. a 1-0 lead Thursday. MCT PHOTO

But it was 0-0 through two periods and a nervous time for the U.S., which hadn't played since its win over Canada on Sunday.

"I was nervous throughout the game," Parise said. "You have a game plan, and you stick with it, and that is what we were doing."

The Americans had an 18-4 edge in shots in the first period and 14-4 in the second but couldn't get any past Hiller.

Miller said he knew he had to play well.

"I knew I had to against Jonas," Miller said. "We knew it was going to come down to a tight game." MCT CONTRIBUTED.

Canada, Hawks soar

The three Blackhawks players on Team Canada saw a lot of action in Thursday's 7-3 win over the Russian Federation. Here are their stats.



DUNCAN KEITH

Two assists,
1 penalty.



BRENT SEABROOK

1 penalty.



JONATHAN TOEWS

Two assists.

SOURCE: NBCOLYMPICS.COM

Women go for hockey gold

VANCOUVER This border rivalry has raged for two decades, since before women's hockey was an Olympic sport.

Canada and the U.S. team have won every gold medal, every world championship, every big international prize their sport offers. Most of the time, they've faced no real competition except each other.

Heck, only Sweden has broken through to the big finale—four years ago in Torino, where the Americans made an Olympic mistake they hope to remedy Thursday. In front of a raucous crowd cheering for the home team, the Americans will meet Canada again in the long-anticipated gold-medal match of the Vancouver Games.

"This is our Stanley Cup final, our Super Bowl, our Final Four all rolled into 60 minutes on the ice," said U.S. defenseman Angela Ruggiero, a four-time Olympian. "This is what we prepare for, what gets us through all those practices and all those months away from our families and friends and careers. It's probably the best rivalry in women's sports for the people who know about it." AP

Thursday's Olympics TV schedule

NBC

» 2-4 p.m.:

Women's cross country, 4 x 5 km relay final; ladies figure skating, final preview.

» 7-11 p.m.:

Ladies figure skating, gold medal final (live); women's hockey, final (live); men's freestyle skiing, aerials final (live); Nordic combined, individual final; K-120 jumping and 10 km cross-country.

» 11:35 p.m.-1 a.m.:

Ladies figure skating, final postgame; medals plaza, award ceremonies.

» 1-4 a.m.: Prime-time replay.

USA

» 11 a.m.-2 p.m.:

Women's curling, semifinal (live).

CNBC

» 4-7 p.m.: Men's curling, semifinal (live).

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MSNBC

» 1-3:30 p.m.:

Women's hockey, bronze medal game (live).

» 7-8 p.m.: Women's hockey, final (live).

» 2-5 a.m.: Women's curling, semifinal.

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The Whiz Quiz



In the spirit of international competition, I'm quizzing readers on Olympic flags. Here is today's flag. Which country does it represent? Text "**flag**" followed by the number preceding your answer to **87708**. I'll text ya back to tell you if you got the answer right.

1. Latvia
2. Tajikistan
3. Denmark

4. Algeria
5. Cyprus

Guts and glory

Would a ladies' figure skating gold for Canada satisfy Vancouver 24 Hrs.' Guts McTavish? You bet your axel. redeychicago.com/5on5.



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1 Make up a move that would guarantee you gold in figure skating.	The Lawn Moore. Watch out for these blades.	The Triple-Changing the Channel.	Duh, The Pamchenkol Haven't you seen "The Cutting Edge"?	Toe-pick.	A triple Axle Foley.
2 What would you call your bobsled?	The Red(Eye) Bullet.	Eskimo Saab.	The Spain Train.	The Freezinator.	Marital Aid 2.
3 Why did Norway's king attend Olympic curling events this week?	He wanted to see which Norwegians could possibly have bigger stones than him.	He lost a bet with the King of Boredomland.	He got lost on his way to ice dancing.	To see the first argyle pants for men in the world.	To give the queen some extra time with Gloria Allred to prepare her Tiger Woods statement.
4 The University of Mississippi is coming up with a new mascot. What's your idea?	For the Rebels, of course, it should be R2-D2.	"Terry the Transcript," to transfer out of the University of Mississippi.	So long, Colonel Reb, hello Colonel Sanders! Same costume with a different hat—plus free chicken!	A Foxy Shepard. (Shep Smith is alumni.)	"Illegal Contact Pete." The mascot that marries a cousin after every touchdown.
5 What should they test players on at the NFL scouting combine that they currently do not?	Ability to deal with obscene amounts of money for playing a kids game.	Responsible money management.	Exactly how likely they are to self-destruct once drafted by the Bears.	Tweetability.	Proper gun holster.

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Guillen
AP PHOTO

Ozzie, tweet, Ozzie

GLENDAL, Ariz. Blindsided by all the media hoopla, manager Ozzie Guillen said Wednesday he plans to keep his Twitter account while vowing not to talk about the White Sox.

"Let me start with this," Guillen said during his 14-minute post-practice session. "That's why the world is all screwed up. I want to say [bleep] off, but I can't. All of a sudden we're worrying about something that is personal. I wanted to do something that is fun off the field. All of a sudden, they're making a big deal of this thing."

Guillen spoke Wednesday morning with general manager Ken Williams, who was upset that Guillen had an account and wanted the focus to be on baseball and not a reality TV show or Twitter.

Guillen said Williams was worried until Guillen explained his intentions.



AthTweets

A sample of the tweets Ozzie Guillen has sent through his @OzzieGuillen account.

» "what I saw on the field today was a lot of grass ..."

» "10 15 pm going to sleep big day tomorrow bbque at my house after practice yessssss"

» "I am tired from bad very bad golf."

» "Thanks a lot for the support i like it the twitter..."



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WHIZZER
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Tennis star Rafael Nadal apparently is concerned about his constant injuries. Now he knows how Cubs fans feel. Here now, my TV picks.



NBA

Boston vs. Cleveland

7 p.m. TNT

Cavs just landed Antawn Jamison in a trade. Bulls got Acie Law. It's not fair.

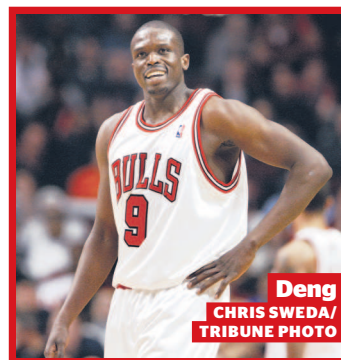


COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Indiana vs. Wisconsin

8 p.m. Big Ten Network

Hoosiers and losers almost rhyme. Coincidence? We all know that answer.



Deng
CHRIS SWEDA/
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BULLS 120, INDIANA 110

Luol Deng (left) scored a season-high 31 points as the Bulls downed the Pacers 120-110 Wednesday night at the United Center. Derrick Rose added 23 points, nine rebounds and eight assists for the Bulls.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday's results

» Cincinnati 74, DePaul 69
» N. Illinois 67, C. Michigan 65
» Illinois St. 75, Indiana St. 58
» Bradley 75, Wichita St. 73



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Rustic Italian fare from chef Dean Zanella at the edge of Little Italy

Francesca's on Chestnut

Another addition to the Francesca's Italian empire, this one in the Gold Coast

MARCH 6

Orange

Frushi, jelly doughnut pancakes and other brunch faves in River North

EARLY TO MID-MARCH

Forty Carrots

Retail relief (sandwiches, salads, fro-yo) at Bloomingdale's on the Mag Mile

MID-MARCH

Cumin

Nepalese and Indian favorites in Wicker Park

MARCH 24

Sable Kitchen & Bar

Ingredient-driven American eats with serious cocktails to match in River North

LATE MARCH

Benny's Prime Chop House

Steakhouse classics in River North

LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL

Florile Bakery

Oven-fresh breads and pastries and seasonal sammies in Lincoln Park

9 new restaurants

Food-focused taverns and diner-style dining lead our list of February openings

By M. Kathleen Pratt

Restaurants with suburban ties moved downtown, the tavern trend continued and River North got a 24-hour diner this month.

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Prairie Fire

215 N. Clinton St. 312-382-8300

Sarah Stegner and co-chef/co-owner George Bumbaris have busted out of the 'burbs and opened this seasonally focused, contemporary American spinoff of their Northbrook restaurant, Prairie Grass Cafe, in the West Loop. The menu is similar to its suburban counterpart, with a few signature dishes carrying over, including the acclaimed blue cheese-topped sirloin burger. Weekend brunch features eggs Benedicts and other favorites such as lemon ricotta pancakes, and a separate bar menu serves lighter bites to the after-work crowd.

relatively affordable, tavern-inspired eatery in River North. You'll find treats such as pork and duck liver toasts and a pork porterhouse with roasted brandied apple on the menu and hand-crafted cocktails by Paul McGee (The Whistler) resting atop the 100-year-old hammered brass bar top. Check metromix.com Friday for our First Look.

Eggsperience Pancakes & Cafe

35 W. Ontario St. 312-870-6773

Piping hot pots of coffee and a broad breakfast and lunch menu fuel this 24-hour River North spot, a downtown offshoot of several established suburban locations. The 230-seat dining room, outfitted with cozy booths and flat-screen TVs, serves quintessential odd-hour breakfast fare and diner standbys.

The Money Shot Restaurant & Lounge

5695 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-293-7943

If you can get past the ill-advised name, you'll have your fill of Italian-American fare at this West Rogers Park spot. Chef-owner Anthony Belter cooks up his grandmother's meatballs and other comforting classics during dinner; as the hour grows later, cocktails and bar food take over.



Prairie Fire
fish and chips



Prairie Fire
BARRY BRECHSEN PHOTOS
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Leo's Coney Island

3455 N. Southport Ave. 773-281-5367

This Detroit favorite boldly brings Coney dogs—grilled hot dogs topped with beanless chili, chopped onions and mustard—to Chicago-style territory with this Wrigleyville outpost.

Ameer Kabob

1050 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-8888

Affordable Middle Eastern and Mediterranean eats are the focus at this little Noble Square-area counter-service spot. Expect all the usual suspects, including shawarma, falafel, hummus, baba ghanoush and (of course) kabobs.

Second City Subs

2146 N. Halsted St. 773-549-8710

This Lincoln Park newcomer housed in a historic 1920s building serves deli-style subs on fresh-baked Gonnella bread, as

well as soups, salads, wraps, Vienna Beef hot dogs and Bobtail ice cream and shakes.

Life on Mars

2910 W. Armitage Ave. 773-489-6277

An ever-changing patchwork of cuisines, from American comfort food to Middle Eastern fare, is on offer at this carryout-only vegan spot in Logan Square where the menu changes daily.

Rockin' Taco

1467 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-975-8226

This trendy Lakeview taqueria prides itself on made-from-scratch marinades and fresh ingredients used in its tacos, burritos and other inexpensive eats. And it's faithful to its name: Co-owner Cristian Saenz says you're welcome to take down the electric guitar, bongos or one of the other instruments hanging on the wall and rock out while you wait.

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\$7 martinis, \$10 domestic pitchers, \$6 salads (11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.), trivia 8 p.m.; 4535 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-334-4040.

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\$5 martinis, half-price appetizers (4:30 p.m.), \$4 draft of the month; 1061 W. Madison St. 312-433-0013.

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\$5 martinis; 1800 N. Halsted St. 312-664-1801.

CITYSCAPE BAR

\$5 select Skyy martinis; 350 W. Mart Center Drive Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 15th Floor. 312-836-5000.

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HAWKEYE'S BAR AND GRILL CHICAGO

\$6 Absolut martinis, \$2 well cocktails, \$3 select bomb shots, \$4 High Life pitchers, \$7 Miller Lite pitchers, \$15 domestic buckets; 1458 W. Taylor St. 312-226-3951.

MAEVE

Half-price martinis; 1325 W. Wrightwood Ave. 773-388-3333.

THE MARTINI BAR

\$7 select martinis, \$7 Jameson, Jagermeister, Jack Daniel's, lemon drop and SoCo Lime shots; 401 S. LaSalle St. 312-377-6111.

MARTINI PARK

\$9 select winter martinis and cocktails; 151 W. Erie St. 312-640-0577.

MYSTIC CELT

\$5 house martinis, \$1.50 mini-cheeseburgers, \$2.75 Miller Lite pints, \$6 margarita pizzas, \$14 Coors Light buckets; 3443 N. Southport Ave. 773-529-8550.

ROCKS LAKEVIEW

\$5 martinis; 3463 N.

Broadway. 773-472-0493.

SCARLET

\$5 select martinis, \$7 Stoli martinis, \$5 40-ounce Miller Lite and 24-ounce Corona bottles; 3320 N. Halsted St. 773-348-1053.

SOIREE

\$5 martinis, \$2 Miller Light bottles, \$3 SoCo Lime shots, half-price appetizers; 2438 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-477-8880.

SOPO

\$4 select martinis, \$3 Stella Artois drafts, \$5 all bombs, \$5 all food; 3418 N. Southport Ave. 773-348-0100.

SULLY'S HOUSE TAP ROOM AND GRILL

\$5 well martinis, \$3 domestic bottles, half-

price bottles of wine; 1501 N. Dayton St. 312-929-2779.

TRINITY BAR

\$5 martinis, \$2 domestic drafts and all beer bottles, \$3 Guinness drafts, Jameson shots and Stoli flavor cocktails, \$3.50 Blue Moon drafts, half-price food (5-7 p.m.); 2721 N. Halsted St. 773-880-9293.

TUMBABO BAR & GRILL

\$5 martinis, mixed drinks and mojitos; live Latin jazz 9 p.m.; 3213 W. Armitage Ave. 773-772-9800.

VICTORY LIQUORS

\$4 select martinis, \$5 Miller Lite pitchers and bombs, 25 cent wings; 2610 N. Halsted St. 773-348-5600.



BARS ALERT!

New brewery in the works: Rock Bottom brewer Pete Crowley is leaving the company to work with friend and Sausagefest organizer John Neurauter to open **Haymarket Pub & Brewery** in July or August at 737 W. Randolph St. in the West Loop. Expect a meat-tastic menu featuring homemade sausages and smoked meats alongside eight to 12 house beers brewed on-site.

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Giving up meat on Fridays for 40 days doesn't mean you have to give up going out. These 12 bars and restaurants offer all-you-can-eat deals, fish 'n' chips specials and more to get you through Lent. Check metromix.com for additional Friday fish deals.

Cleos/Cleos Armitage

1935 W. Chicago Ave. 312-243-5600;
2048 W. Armitage Ave.
773-227-6700

What: Fish and chips

Where: West Town; Bucktown

Cost: \$5.99

Duchamp

2118 N. Damen Ave. 773-235-6434

What: Panko-crusted crispy skate wing with garlic fries and homemade tartar sauce; roasted cod sandwich on a dill roll with melted havarti and tomato remoulade

Where: Bucktown

Cost: \$17.95; \$13.95

Duke of Perth

2913 N. Clark St. 773-477-1741

What: All-you-can eat fish and chips, served with peas

Where: Lincoln Park

Cost: \$9.95

English

444 N. La Salle St. 312-222-6200

What: Fish and chips

Where: River North

Cost: \$8

Gannon's Pub

4264 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-281-1007

What: All-you-can-eat fish and chips

Where: North Center

Cost: \$7.75

Glenn's Diner

1820 W. Montrose Ave.
773-506-1720

What: Half-pound of fresh fish (trout, tilapia or catfish) char-grilled or pan-fried, served with potato, vegetable, soup and

salad. Available 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Where: Lincoln Square

Cost: \$14.95

La Tache

1475 W. Balmoral Ave. 773-334-7168

What: All-you-can-eat fish fry with frites

Where: Andersonville

Cost: \$16.95

Mac's American Pub

1801 W. Division St. 773-782-4400

What: Fish and chips

Where: Ukrainian Village

Cost: \$8

Mullen's on Clark

3527 N. Clark St. 773-325-2319

What: Fish and chips; fish tacos with fries

Where: Lakeview

Cost: \$5; \$6

O'Donovan's

2100 W. Irving Park Rd.
773-478-2100

What: Fish and chips

Where: North Center

Cost: \$7.95

Patsy's Place

2825 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-248-2825

What: All-you-can-eat fish fry with chips

Where: Lincoln Park

Cost: \$8.95

T's Restaurant and Bar

5025 N. Clark St. 773-784-6000

What: All-you-can-eat fish and chips. Also available Tuesdays.

Where: Andersonville

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- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) 1:10,2:00,4:00,5:00,7:00,8:00,10:00,11:00
- **Dear John** (PG-13) 1:50,4:30,7:10,10:10
- **From Paris With Love** (R) 3:00,5:30,8:15,10:50
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- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 2:30,6:15,9:45

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- **The Last Station** (R) 1:45,4:25,7:00,9:30
- **The White Ribbon** (R) 3:00,6:30,9:40
- **Crazy Heart** (R) 1:55,4:45,7:30,10:05
- **A Single Man** (R) 2:00,4:40,7:40,10:15
- **An Education** (PG-13) 1:40,4:15,7:15,9:50
- **Saint John of Las Vegas** (R) 1:50,7:20
- **Broken Embraces** (R) 4:10,9:45

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- **Celine: Through the Eyes of the World** (NR) ★ 7:30 P.M.
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) ★ 12:50,3:50,6:40,9:40
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- **Tooth Fairy** (PG) 2:30,5:00,7:40,10:10
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 12:00,2:20,3:20,6:00,9:30,10:30

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- **Shutter Island** (R) ★ 4:30,7:15,10:00
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ 5:00,7:30,10:10
- **Crazy Heart** (R) 5:10,7:30,9:50
- **Up in the Air** (R) 5:00,7:20,9:45

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- **Blood Done Sign My Name** (PG-13) 1:15,4:00,6:45
- **The Wolfman** (R) 1:50,2:50,4:20,5:15,6:45,7:40,9:20,10:00
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) 1:20,4:05,7:00,9:45
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) 1:25,4:10,6:55,9:40
- **Dear John** (PG-13) 2:20,4:50,7:20,9:50
- **From Paris With Love** (R) 2:00,4:30,7:05,9:25
- **Edge of Darkness** (R) 1:30,4:15,6:50,9:30
- **Tooth Fairy** (PG) 2:40,5:05,7:30,9:55
- **Legion** (R) 2:30,5:00,7:35,10:00
- **The Book of Eli** (R) 2:10,4:40,7:15,9:50
- **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) 1:00,3:50,6:40,9:30
- **Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (PG) 1:10,3:20,5:20,7:25,9:35

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- **Happy Tears** (R) 6:00,8:00
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- **The Lady With the Dog** (NR) 8:15 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE

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- **The Young Victoria** (PG) 2:10,4:20,6:30,8:40
- **Fantastic Mr. Fox** (PG) 2:05,4:05,6:05,8:10
- **The Spy Next Door** (PG) 2:10,4:10,6:15
- **The Hurt Locker** (R) 2:15,5:50,8:30
- **Up in the Air** (R) 8:20 P.M.

MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago

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- **Ajami** (NR) 4:40,7:10,9:40
- **The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus** (PG-13) 7:00,9:30
- **Fish Tank** (NR) 4:30 P.M.

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- AMC Select **My Name Is Khan** (PG-13) 2:30,6:10
- AMC Select **The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus** (PG-13) 2:20 P.M.
- AMC Select **Nine** (PG-13) 2:00 P.M.
- **Invictus** (PG-13) 4:45,7:40
- AMC Select **The Messenger** (R) 2:05 P.M.
- AMC Select **Precious: Based on the Novel "Push"** by Sapphire (R) 4:30,7:10

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- **The Crazyies** (R) 12:01 A.M.
- **Cop Out** (R) 12:01 A.M.
- **Shutter Island** (R) 11:00,12:00,1:30,2:30,3:30,5:00,6:00,7:00,8:30,9:30,10:30,11:30
- **Celine: Through the Eyes of the World** (NR) 7:30 P.M.
- **The Wolfman** (R) 11:15,1:05,2:05,3:50,4:50,6:30,7:30,9:20,10:25
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) 1:10,4:15,7:25,10:35
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) 2:00,5:15,8:20,11:20
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- **Dear John** (PG-13) 11:20,2:15,5:05,8:00
- **From Paris With Love** (R) 1:40,4:35,7:10,9:45
- **When in Rome** (PG-13) 11:10,1:45,4:25,7:05
- **Edge of Darkness** (R) 1:15,4:10,7:15,10:15
- **Legion** (R) 9:35 P.M.
- **The Book of Eli** (R) 1:20,4:05,6:50,9:50
- **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) 11:05,4:40,10:45
- AMC Select **A Single Man** (R) 4:30 P.M.
- AMC Select **Up in the Air** (R) 11:25,2:25,5:10,8:05,10:55
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 11:30,12:30,2:20,3:20,4:20,6:10,8:10,10:00,11:00
- AMC Select **Crazy Heart** (R) 11:35,2:35,5:30,8:25
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 1:25,7:15
- AMC Select **An Education** (PG-13) 2:10,7:40

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- **Edge of Darkness** (R) 12:50,3:40,6:20,9:20
- **When in Rome** (PG-13) 10:40 P.M.
- **Crazy Heart** (R) 1:40,4:30,7:15,9:55
- **Tooth Fairy** (PG) 12:40,3:15,6:10
- **Up in the Air** (R) 8:10 P.M.
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 12:45,3:00,6:30,10:00
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 1:45,4:50,7:45

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- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ 12:15,1:15,2:00,3:15,4:15,5:00,6:20,7:20,8:00,9:20,10:15
- **Dear John** (PG-13) 1:45,4:30,7:30,10:05
- **It's Complicated** (R) 1:30,4:45,7:40,10:40
- **Up in the Air** (R) 2:20,5:10,8:10,10:45
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 3:00,6:50,10:20
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 12:40,3:40,6:40,9:45

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- **The Wolfman** (R) ★ 1:00,1:50,4:00,4:50,6:45,7:40,9:30,10:25
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ 1:40,4:30,7:50,10:40
- **Dear John** (PG-13) 1:10,4:10,7:15,9:55
- **From Paris With Love** (R) 2:40,5:15,8:00,10:35
- **Legion** (R) 2:30,5:00,7:45,10:10
- **Tooth Fairy** (PG) 12:40,3:45,6:20,9:00
- **The Book of Eli** (R) 6:30,9:10
- **The Spy Next Door** (PG) 2:15,4:40,7:20,9:45
- **Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (PG) 2:00,4:15
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 12:00,3:30,7:00,10:30

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- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) ★ 12:50,1:45,3:50,4:45,6:50,7:30,9:40,10:15
- **The Wolfman** (R) ★ 1:10,2:00,4:00,4:50,6:45,7:40,9:30,10:25
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ 12:45,1:40,3:40,4:40,6:40,7:50,9:55,10:40
- **Dear John** (PG-13) 1:20,4:20,7:15,9:50
- **From Paris With Love** (R) 2:40,5:15,8:00,10:35
- **Legion** (R) 2:30,5:00,7:45,10:10
- **Tooth Fairy** (PG) 12:40,3:45,6:20,9:00
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 12:00,3:30,7:00,10:30

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- **Shutter Island** (R) ★ 12:40,1:10,3:10,3:50,4:20,6:20,7:00,7:30,9:30,10:10,10:45
- **Celine: Through the Eyes of the World** (NR) ★ 7:30 P.M.
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) ★ 1:20,4:00,6:50,9:40
- **The Wolfman** (R) ★ 1:40,2:20,4:30,5:15,7:20,8:15,9:50,11:10
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ 1:15,2:00,4:15,5:00,7:15,8:00,10:15,11:00
- **Dear John** (PG-13) 1:30,4:10
- **From Paris With Love** (R) 2:30,5:10,7:50,10:20
- **Edge of Darkness** (R) 1:50,4:40,7:40,10:50
- **Crazy Heart** (R) 2:10,4:50,7:45,10:30
- **The Book of Eli** (R) 1:00,3:40,6:40,9:45
- **Up in the Air** (R) 12:45,3:20,6:10,9:10
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 12:00,3:00,3:30,6:30,7:10,10:00,10:40

VIP Premium 21+

- **Shutter Island** (R) ★ **VIP Premium 21+** 12:40,3:50,7:00,10:10
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ **VIP Premium 21+** 2:00,5:00,8:00,11:00

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- **Shutter Island** (R) ★ 1:00,3:55,6:50,9:45
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) ★ 1:30,4:05,6:40,9:15
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ 1:50,4:30,7:10,9:55
- **The Wolfman** (R) ★ 12:45,3:00,5:20,7:40,10:00
- **Dear John** (PG-13) 12:10,2:35,5:00,7:25,9:50
- **Crazy Heart** (R) 12:00,2:25,4:50,7:15,9:40
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 1:05,4:25,7:45

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- **Shutter Island** (R) ★ 11:40,1:50,2:55,5:00,6:00,8:10,9:10
- **Shutter Island** (R) ★ 12:40,10:10
- **A Single Man** (R) 12:20,2:50,5:25,7:55,10:25
- **An Education** (PG-13) 12:35,3:30,6:15,9:05
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 11:35,3:00,6:30,10:00
- **Crazy Heart** (R) 11:35,2:15,4:55,7:35,10:15
- **Dear John** (PG-13) 1:50,4:40,7:15,9:55
- **From Paris With Love** (R) 12:45,3:05,5:35,8:00,10:20
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) ★ 11:20,2:05,4:50,7:45,10:35
- **The Book of Eli** (R) 7:20,10:15
- **The Last Station** (R) 11:40,2:20,5:00,7:40,10:25
- **The Wolfman** (R) ★ 11:30,12:55,1:55,3:25,4:25,5:55,6:55,8:20,9:25
- **Up in the Air** (R) 11:25,2:00,4:45,7:25,10:05
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) ★ 11:45,12:50,1:40,2:35,3:40,4:35,5:30,6:35,7:30,8:25,9:30,10:30
- **When in Rome** (PG-13) 1:45,4:30

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YOUTH DEKAY**

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1572 N. Milwaukee Ave.
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9 p.m. \$7. Martyrs',
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@mmxmusic Question of the week

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The Orlando Sentinel

The rows and rows of displays by photographers, cake decorators and floral designers nearly overwhelmed Rana Mansour of Sterling Heights, Mich., and her fiancé, Rashad Saleh of Dearborn, Mich.

Fortunately, they knew exactly what they'd come to check out at the Brides-to-Be Show in Dearborn—photo booths.

The couple, who plan to marry May 30, stepped behind the curtain of ShutterBooth, owned by Nolan and Kimberly Gottschalk of Royal Oak, Mich. Out popped a print of Saleh as he planted a kiss on Mansour's cheek.

Photo booths will be big at weddings in 2010, says Cyd LaChiusa, producer of the

Brides-To-Be shows, one of several presenters of bridal exposés.

Other trends sure to be popular, according to wedding planners and couples: cupcakes, lighting that shines the couples' names or initials around the reception hall, live entertainment and dancing to or from the altar.

Expect brighter, richer colors too, a reflection of the brighter economic forecast expected in 2010, says Tom Schoenith, owner of the Roostertail, on Detroit's riverfront.

Brightly colored shoes—red and bright blue with the white and ivory gowns—also should be popular.

Couples still want beautiful weddings on a budget, but they're going for special

touches that reflect who they are and offer a lot of fun and memorable moments.

That's why Mansour, 29, and Saleh, 31, plan to have a photo booth.

"It's a great way for everybody who comes to enjoy themselves and get a keepsake from the wedding," Mansour says.

Renting a photo booth and the use of a Web site for posting photos that can be ordered costs about \$800.

Cupcakes are under consideration by many this year, including Katie Zack, 23, of Highland, Mich., and Mike Keeler, 25, of Rochester, Mich., for their Oct. 9 wedding.

"Since we're on a budget," Zack says, "I like that cupcakes can be made in our wedding colors and double as centerpieces."

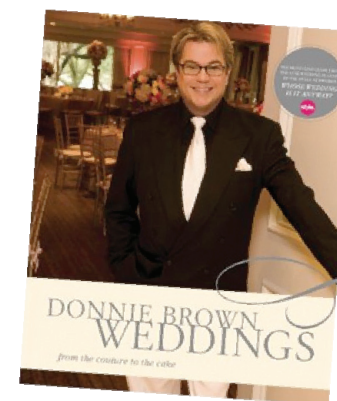
Sweat the details to keep costs down

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Planning a wedding is all about the details—and that's where Donnie Brown comes in. Brown is a Texas wedding planner known for his wacky sense of humor on the Style Network show "Whose Wedding is it Anyway?" Brown also penned his first wedding-planning book, "Donnie Brown Weddings: From the Couture to the Cake." He recently answered questions via e-mail.

Tell us about your clients and their wedding budgets.

We do weddings ranging from \$15,000 to \$750,000 every year. I would think the median amount is somewhere in the \$135,000 range.



What are the top five ways to save money on a wedding?

1. Create a working budget and stick to it.
2. Trim the fat out of your guest list. Have those people you really want at your wedding and eliminate the excess so you can get as close to the wedding you want as possible.
3. Do a Friday or Sunday wedding. Saturdays are premium, and you very often can save money on alternate days.
4. Pay for your wedding bills with American Express and use the reward points for your honeymoon travel. I say American Express because as long as you pay it monthly, there is no interest added in that will negate the positive nature of the reward points.
5. Carefully review the contracts and negotiate.

You would be surprised how much room vendors and venues have in their arsenal to work with you on your wedding. If you don't ask, you will never know.

What do you not want to skimp on? Food? Decor?

Skimp on the things that are least important to you. Everyone is different. Some have their hearts set on better food. For some it's the gown, and for some it's the decor or entertainment.

What one piece of advice do you have for couples while planning their wedding?

Hire a good wedding planner if you can. They can save you time, stress and even money by steering you through the process more efficiently, getting better contract negotiations and protecting you from unethical vendors.

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Tweethearts

Thumbs-up way to announce you just got married

Newsday

When groom Dana Hanna whipped out his cell phone at the altar to use Twitter and update his Facebook status—married—during his November wedding in Maryland, he became an instant YouTube sensation.

Some brides and grooms say they might find it sweet to tweet, just not at the altar.

"Since most of my friends communicate through Facebook or Twitter, I see it as a good thing. That's a way of communicating what you're excited about," said Jennifer Kern, 27, who will be getting married on Long Island in June 2011. "I probably will update my Facebook status at least once during the day."

Some brides have truly embraced the Twitter and Facebook phenomenon. In addition to the maid of honor, brides now have a "tweet of honor" or "chief Twitterer"—a person designated to tweet the wedding and reception.

"It's almost like being an emcee for the wedding, but in the Twitter world," said Mindy Howard, a venue coordinator who runs **tweetmywedding.com** and two other bridal/tweeting blogs.

Howard said she's seen wedding Twittering take off recently.

"I'm astounded at the amount of Twitter that is coming from weddings—and not just from guests that are bored," Howard said. "I think we are headed toward integrating everything we do socially."

Etiquette is important,

Howard says. There shouldn't be any tweeting during the ceremony, only before and after. Tweeting should never be disruptive. People shouldn't tweet anything they wouldn't say out loud.

"I don't endorse bad manners," Howard said. "Responsible tweeting, and no tipsy tweeting."

Anne Chertoff, editor of the AOL wedding site **aisledash.com**, also urges restraint. Guests "should be paying attention, watching the ceremony, listening to the ceremony, being a part of the moment."

As for the bride and groom, "It's your wedding day; your real friends and family, unlike your Facebook friends, are there. You don't have to be like, 'Just kissed the bride.' They saw that," she said.

And if you want to update those who couldn't make your wedding? Well, said Chertoff, "that's why you have a video. So you can make them watch it afterward."

Dana Hanna (right) tweets at his wedding.



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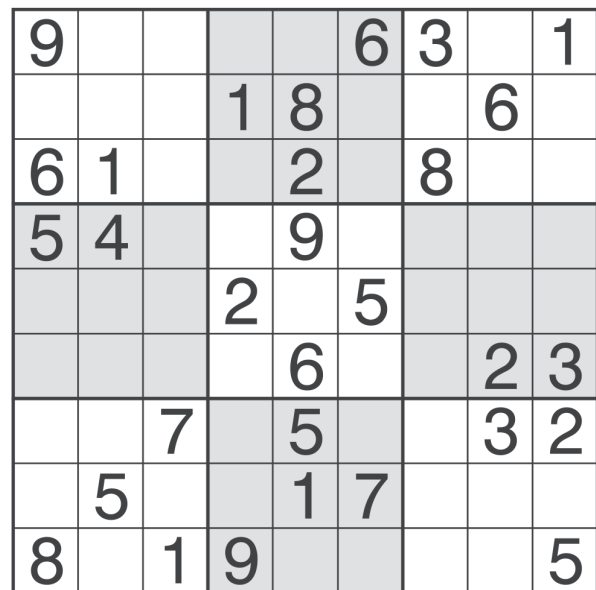


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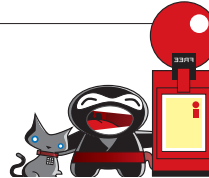
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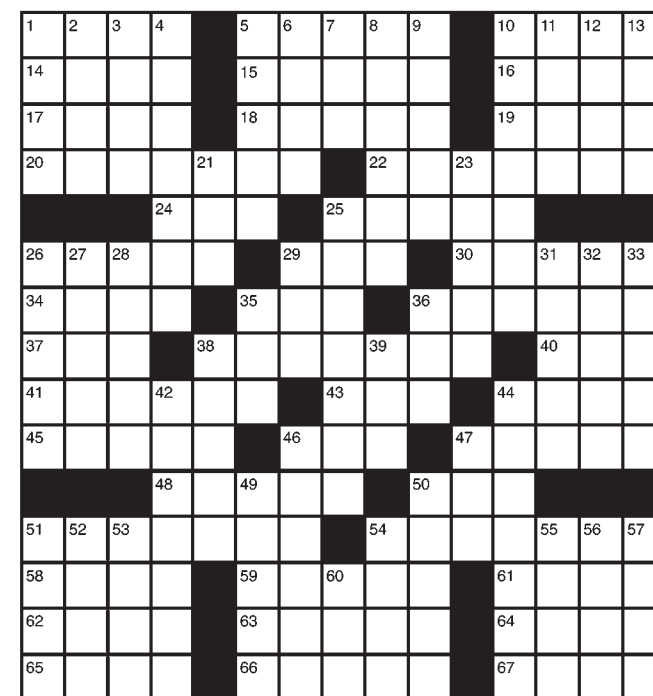
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- 10 Raton, FL
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- 16 Assert openly
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- 19 Shout
- 20 Socks & such
- 22 Attempts
- 24 Catch
- 25 Altar plate
- 26 Change slightly
- 29 Crisco product
- 30 Fable teller
- 34 Warty amphibian
- 35 Hubbub
- 36 Clothing
- 37 Lodge
- 38 Can _; small appliances
- 40 Father
- 41 Official emissary
- 43 12/24 or 12/31
- 44 Alpha's follower
- 45 Engagement
- 46 Item in a pod
- 47 Show clothes
- 48 Crowbar
- 50 By way of
- 51 North Star
- 54 Remedy for fatigue
- 58 Supplements
- 59 Copy machine
- 61 Valley
- 62 Tear apart
- 63 Piano piece
- 64 Smooth; level
- 65 Door lockers
- 66 Appointed
- 67 Late actor Foxx

DOWN

- 1 Georgia _; Atlanta school
- 2 Saint topper
- 3 Employs
- 4 Gave a word's meaning
- 5 Short publicity notice
- 6 Easter flower
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- 8 Oatmeal



- 9 Packaged macaroni-and-cheese brand
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- 11 Above
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- 13 Hole-piercing tools
- 21 Hearing organ
- 23 Acts of derring-do
- 25 One who leads the way
- 26 Leaning
- 27 Solitude lover
- 28 Latin-American

- ballroom dance
- 29 " _ to Billy Joe"
- 31 One-; unilateral
- 32 Preach
- 33 Propel a bike
- 35 Imitate
- 36 "Car 54, Where _ You?"
- 38 Different
- 39 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 42 Map books
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- 47 Prefix for night or section
- 49 Female fox
- 50 Irritated
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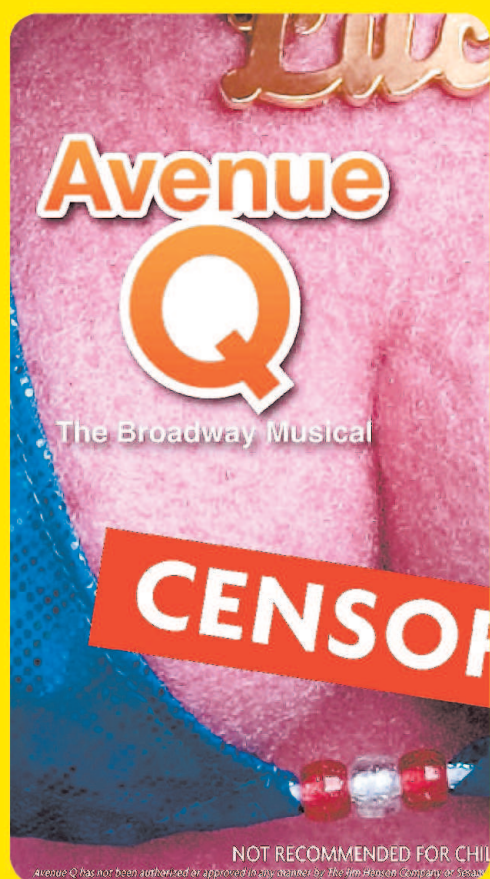
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SHOCK AND SIGHS

You can't make this stuff up, but we can rank some of the week's most bizarre, shocking and annoying celebrity and entertainment news. And remember, the week's not over. **EMILY ROSENBAUM MAKI, REDEYE**


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SHOCKING


Man, that's one stacked puppet

Puppet cleavage has been ruled out for posters in Colorado Springs bus shelters, The Associated Press reports. The posters for the touring production

of "Avenue Q" were rejected because they show the lady lumps of a fuzzy pink puppet.

Ruling: Annoying and bizarre. These are puppets, people.



Will you please \$hut up?

Ke\$ha has a new music video out for her single "Blah Blah Blah." In it, she sings that she just

wants men to shut up and "show me where your [bleep's] at."

Ruling: Annoying. Her voice, her lyrics, her name, her sneering, her clothing—all of it.



Stern tries to top himself

Howard Stern's rep has confirmed a report that the radio jock is organizing The Tiger Woods Mistress Beauty Pageant, which will

award \$100,000 to one of Woods' alleged mistresses March 10. Stern reportedly wants at least four women on board, ew.com reports.

Ruling: Annoying and bizarre. Nothing Stern does is truly shocking any longer.

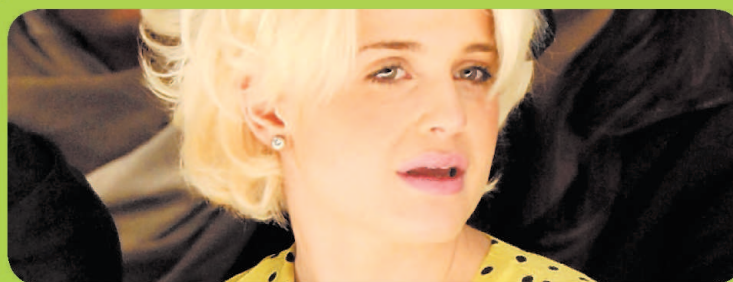


Octomom oh no

Nadya Suleman and her maniacal laugh visited "The View" on Wednesday and when asked if she wants more children, she said maybe.

But not until "far, far, far in the future when [the kids] are older if, God willing, I meet somebody," the 34-year-old said. "I'm not going to say 100 percent no."

Ruling: Annoying, bizarre and shocking. She has 14 children, I repeat, 14 children.



Her new addiction: Being skinny

Kelly Osbourne, who has dropped 40 pounds, tells Us Weekly that she "took more hell for being fat than I did for being an absolute raging drug addict. I will never understand that."

Ruling: Annoying. When a celebrity is pressed harder to get thin than to get clean, our societal values clearly are out of whack.

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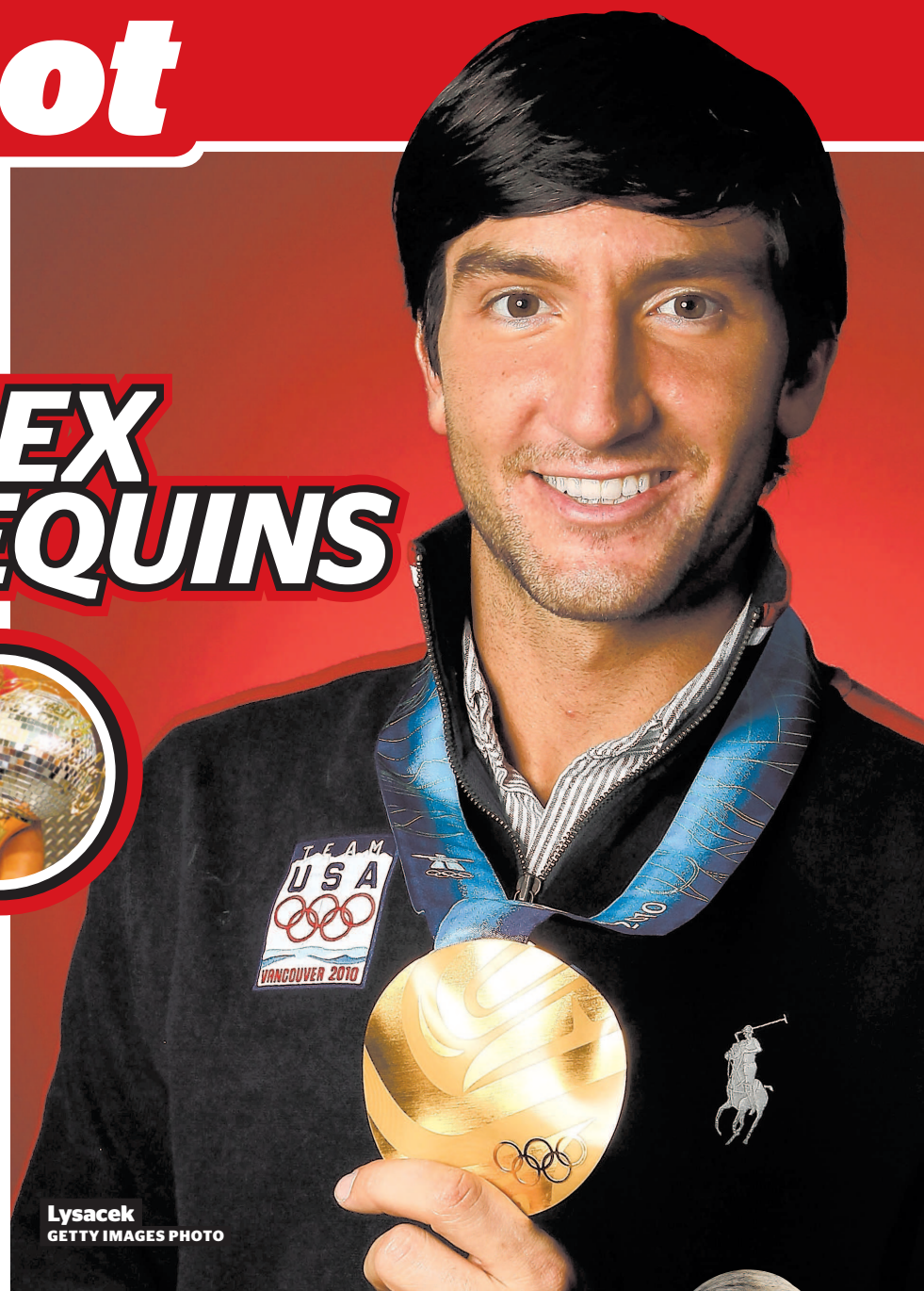
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MORE SPANDEX AND SEQUINS

Evan Lysacek would welcome a mirror-ball trophy to go with his gold medal. "Dancing With the Stars" pro Cheryl Burke tweeted the Russian crusher last week, suggesting he join the show.

"I would love to try 'Dancing With the Stars,'" Lysacek told **ew.com** in an e-mail Tuesday. "All I have heard from everyone that has done the show is what a blast it is." The next cast will be announced Monday during the finale of "The Bachelor."



Lysacek
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COUPLE METER: Rebound rumors

People magazine is reporting that **Mary-Kate Olsen** dumped her boyfriend of two years, Nate Lowman, just before being spotted at a post-BAFTAs party in London. Sources say **Josh Hartnett** was her arm candy. Perhaps breaking up isn't so hard to do, after all.



Are they blue?

Think Matt Damon and Jake Gyllenhaal are kicking themselves for turning down the lead role in "Avatar"? Director James Cameron said he talked to both actors about playing Jake Sully to placate Fox studio heads, according to the L.A. Times. "Honestly, did I go out and try to woo them? No. I had my heart set on Sam [Worthington]," Cameron said.



Simpson



Jordan

Celebrity sightings

Jessica Simpson had lunch at Table Fifty-Two in the Gold Coast on Wednesday while in town to tape "The Oprah Winfrey Show." Michael Jordan had a late lunch at Market in the West Loop on Tuesday and watched the Canada vs. China curling match. Vince Vaughn had lunch at the Gino's East on Superior on Tuesday.

HOT DATE

March 2

That's when the Madison, Wis., City Council will vote whether to make the members of Wilco honorary citizens. A council member (and Wilco fan) drafted the resolution so as to not be outdone by Duluth, Minn., which recently named Wilco an honorary Duluth band.

Coco needs help »

Conan O'Brien has joined the Twitterverse and already has 84,500 followers. His one and only tweet, as of Wednesday night: "Today I interviewed a squirrel in my backyard and then threw to commercial. Somebody help me." O'Brien's bio is just as funny: "I had a show. Then I had a different show. Now I have a Twitter account."



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